# Sustainable Communities Research

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### What makes Sustainable Communities?

- Safe, reliable, and affordable transportation choices that improve air quality, health, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHG)
- Equitable and affordable energy- and location-efficient housing options
- Improved access to quality employment, education, and other resources and services





### **SB 375 and Sustainable Communities**

- The Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Act of 2008 (SB 375) supports the State's climate action goals to reduce GHG emissions through coordinated transportation and land use planning
- SB 375 directs ARB to set regional targets for GHG emissions reductions
- The State's metropolitan planning organizations will prepare and adopt a sustainable communities strategy with the guidance from ARB









### **Sustainable Communities Research**





- Built environments
- Land use
- Transportation planning
- Green buildings
- Cool communities

Advancement in these research areas will help achieve the goals of AB 32 and SB 375, while meeting the current air quality standards

For more information, please visit: https://www.arb.ca.gov/research/sustainable/sustainable.htm

# Research Synthesis

- ARB published a technical advisory outlining "Strategies to Reduce Air Pollution Exposure Near High Volume Roadways"
- Information can be used to benefit public health and promote sustainable communities in California
- Office of Planning and Research is utilizing this technical advisory to develop General Plan Guidelines as a basis for future land use planning and developments

# **Today's Research Seminar**

# Identifying Urban Designs and Traffic Management Strategies for Southern California that Reduce Air Pollution Exposure

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